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SUBJ: GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT GENEVA

THE FOLLOWING IS GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT, MADE AT GENEVA AIRPORT AT 2:35 PM (GENEVA TIME) ON FEB 16, 1975: QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY JUST A FEW WORDS. I AM NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN GENEVA AND I WOULD NOT LIKE TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE. BUT EVERY TIME I ARRIVE HERE WITH A SENSE OF PLEASURE TO THIS WONDERFUL CITY. THE AIM OF THIS PRESENT TRIP OF OURS IS TO MEET ACCORDING TO A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, WITH MR. KISSINGER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. AND THE AIM OF THIS MEETING IS TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. I THINK THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT THERE IS A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY. THIS IS THE FIRST IDEA WHICH I WANTED TO EXPRESS AND THE SECOND IS: WE THINK THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS ARE OF INTEREST ONOT ONLY FOR THE TWO STATES, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, BUT THEY ARE OF INTEREST TO OTHER COUNTRIEAS AS WELL. AND THIS IS WHY WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS EX-CHANGE OF VIEWS SHOULD FIND A POSITIVE RESPONSE, NOT ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN EUROPE, BUT IN THE WHOLE WORLD. I DO NOT THINK THAT

YOU WILL TRY TOASKE ME ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE BECAUSE THIS IS DIFFICULT TO SAY AT THIS POINT AND I WOULD SAY IMPOSSIBLE. AND THE LAST THINK WHICH I WANTED TO SAY, JUST IN PASSING, IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY OR DAY AND A HALF WHICH I AM GOING TO SPEND HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AROUND AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GENEVA. AND I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND ME CORRECTLY. GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK. END QUOTE. DALE

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